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For : DISPENSING SYSTEM WITH MEANS FOR EASY ACCESS OF  
DISPENSER COMPONENTS AND METHOD OF USING SAME

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL  
APPLICATION, FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 9, 2004,  
Applicant submits herewith the following documents relating to the above-captioned patent  
application:

- \* A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
- \* Executed Declaration;
- \* Executed Power of Attorney;
- \* Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet with Executed Assignment;
- \* Executed Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b);
- \* Petition for One-Month Extension of Time;
- \* Transmittal of Formal Drawings with 21 sheets of replacement drawings  
(Figs. 1-5, 15, 15A, 15B, 27, 34A, 38B, 39, 48, 49-54, 66A, 93-97, 100, and 103); and
- \* Check for \$832.00 to cover the filing fee (\$395), surcharge (\$65), extension of time  
(\$55), additional independent claims (\$88); additional dependent claims (\$189) and  
assignment recordation fee (\$40).

If any additional fees are due in connection with this filing, such as fees under 37  
C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees to SGR Deposit  
Account No. 02-4300. Similarly, please credit any overpayment to SGR Deposit Account No.  
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**FORMAL DRAWING TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed August 9, 2004, attached are twenty-one replacement drawing sheets (Figs.1-5, 15, 15A, 15B, 27, 34A, 38B, 39, 48, 49-54, 66A, 93-97, 100, and 103) which replace the drawings filed on November 21, 2003.

With this filing, all formal drawing requirements in this case are considered satisfied.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch). See Figures(s) 38B, 39, and 48.
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 27, 34A, 66A, 100 and 103.
  - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines

and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 4.

- Numbers, letters, and reference characters on the drawings must measure at least 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. See Figure(s) 5 and 15A.
- The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 1-3, 5, 15, 15A, 15B, 49-54, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97 (These figures are too dark).

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$550** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1450** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$550**
  - **\$172** for 2 independent claims over 3.
  - **\$378** for 21 total claims over 20.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts  
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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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